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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), the relevance of the related document is discussed on page 1 of the subject application.

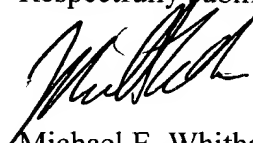
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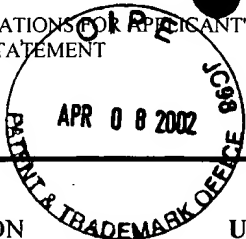
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